Morton Grove Public Library

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From the Librarian's desk . . . .

The Library will soon conduct a survey of village residents to determine how well we are meeting the needs of the community. The survey will be done by telephone and has been designed by the Public Opinion Lab of Northern Illinois University. It will consist of a random sample of residents and will focus on such issues as library usage, awareness of library services, and levels of satisfaction with the library.

What is the role of the library in our community? We know our main purpose is to "provide access to the universe of information and to make this information available to our community." However, the library is a dynamic place and must adapt to the changing needs of the people it serves. This survey will help us determine what those needs are and what materials and services our residents want their library to provide.

For example, we know by observation that usage of our library by children has increased greatly over the last several years. This is a positive development because today's children are tomorrow's adults, and we all benefit from a well-informed population. So, while we encourage children to read and develop a love of learning and intellectual curiosity, we also hope adults will take advantage of the abundance of library materials and services available to them.

Thus we hope that, if you are contacted, you will participate in this survey and give us your thoughts, comments, and ideas. The survey should not require more than a few minutes of your time. With your help we will continue to improve and expand our services to the residents of Morton Grove.

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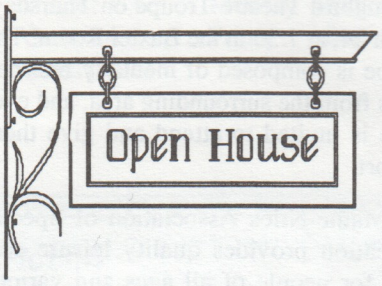
Library celebrates 50th Anniversary

Fifty years ago this year a small group of concerned citizens of Morton Grove formed a "lending library" for the village residents. Originally funded by the WPA, this library had 300 books and was located in a storefront on Lincoln Avenue.

Today, the Morton Grove Public Library resides in a large colonial building, boasts a collection of 137,000 volumes and provides the community with a host of educational, informational, and recreational services.



To celebrate its 50th Anniversary, the Library will hold an Open House on Sunday, April 17, from 2:00 to 4:00. The community is invited to tour the building, view the historical displays, and enjoy music and refreshments. The Library staff and administration are proud of the Morton Grove Library and its accomplishments and development over the last 50 years. Come and share our celebration!

Inside Writing and Publishing

The annual lecture series ***Inside Writing and Publishing*** will be presented at the Morton Grove Public Library during the month of March. Featured will be various writers and journalists from the Chicago and suburban area.

On Thursday, March 3, **Algis Budrys**, science fiction writer, will speak at 7:30. Mr. Budrys is a top-ranked science fiction and short story writer; his books include ***Who?***, ***Rogue Moon***, and ***Michaelmas***.

Robin Currie, a writer of children's curriculum, will appear on Thursday, March 10, at 7:30. Ms. Currie has co-authored three books on original resource materials for children and is a librarian at the Palatine Public Library.

The field of journalism will be discussed by **Lynn Voedisch** on Saturday, March 19, at 2:00. Ms. Voedisch is a feature writer for the Entertainment section of the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Gary Wolcott, a resident of Niles, will appear on Wednesday, March 30, at 7:30 to discuss his book ***The Long Way Back***. The book details his personal struggle with alcoholism and his recovery with the help of family and skilled counselors.

These literary programs will include audience discussion, book displays, and refreshments. These and other writers will be giving lectures at various North Suburban libraries during March; brochures giving dates and times are available at the Circulation Desk.

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You may have noticed that a familiar figure is missing from the Library front lawn. The World War I Doughboy statue, originally erected in 1921, has been removed for repairs. Several local organizations are sponsoring this renovation and would greatly appreciate contributions. Donations may be sent to the Doughboy Fund at the 1st National Bank of Morton Grove.

This year marks the Library's 50th year of service to Morton Grove. We invite you to share our celebration at a Golden Anniversary Open House on April 17, during National Library Week.

Paul Feil, Executive Librarian

Poetry readings

Members of the Grassfield Writers' Collective will read selections from their original poetry and short stories in a program on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30. This group of creative writers from the north suburban area has been writing poetry, essays, and short stories since 1977. They have also appeared at various libraries and on local cable television.

Financial seminars

A financial seminar will be presented by Howard Goldstein of Prudential-Bache Securities on Wed., March 16, at 7:30. Mr. Goldstein will discuss high-yield CDs, zero-coupon bonds, government Bond Unit Trusts, and mutual funds.

On Wed., April 20, at 7:30, Gene Mackevich of E.F. Hutton will present a financial seminar featuring safe investments for a volatile economy and strategies to maximize profits. Registrations for the Mackevich seminar (only) will be taken at the Reader's Service Desk beginning April 12.

Prairie restoration

Continuing the series of Prairie Restoration workshops begun in February, two more workshops will be conducted in March by volunteers from the North Branch Prairie Project.

On Sunday, March 13, at 1:30 a lecture will be presented on Prairie Management Through Burning. On Saturday, March 26, at 1:30 a Prairie Gardener Workshop will be presented by Mary May.

Both of these workshops will include practical applications at one of the Morton Grove Forest Preserve sites and everyone is welcome to attend.

Maine-Niles Special Recreation Variety Show

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation will present a performance by its Songbird Theatre Troupe on Thursday, March 24, at 7:30 in the Baxter Room. The Troupe is composed of mentally retarded adults from the surrounding area, and everyone is invited to attend and give them support.

The Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation provides quality leisure services for people of all ages and various disabilities. Residents of Morton Grove, Niles, Skokie, Des Plaines, and Golf are served by this program. For more information on the Association, call Sally Hughes at 966-5522.

Garden flowers

To celebrate Spring after a long, hard winter, the Library will present a slide-program on Garden Flowers on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:30.

Chicagoan Robert Schwartz will share his botanical photography and knowledge about various shrubs and flowers. Refreshments will be served.

In the Baxter Room . . .

Travelogues

The nation of Finland will be shown in slides and films in a travelogue on Tues., March 8. The speaker will be Mr. Cha Weckstrom, assistant to the Consul General of Finland in Chicago.

In April, India will be explored in a travelogue on Tues., April 12. The speaker will be S.D. Kinra from the Government of India Tourist Department.

Both travelogues will be presented at 11:30 and 7:30.

Book Review

A book review will be presented by Barbara Todd of the Library staff on Sun., April 10, at 2:30 and on Thurs., April 14, at 7:30. The book title will be announced in March.

Art Exhibit

Paintings by Geri Dalke of Des Plaines are on exhibit in The Baxter Room throughout March.

Ms. Dalke works with oils and acrylics and is self-taught.

Lunchtime Movies

A potpourri of short films is shown on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 11:30. Free coffee is served, and patrons are invited to bring their lunch.

The Untouchables will be shown on Mon., March 14, at 2:30 and 7:30. The film stars Kevin Kostner, Sean Connery and Robert DeNiro, and was shot in Chicago.

The Oscar-nominated film ***Hope and Glory***, starring Sarah Miles, will be shown on Mon., April 11, at 2:30 and 7:30.

The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Make Today Count – 1st Monday, 7:30
Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
Mature Outlook - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Lupus Support Group – 3rd Sunday, 1:30
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Wander Indiana at the Morton Grove Library

The Morton Grove Public Library has long been a participant in the North Suburban Library System Cooperative State Sources Project. Under this program, almost every North Suburban library carries a complete set of phone books for an individual state. The state represented by our library is Indiana, although we also have phone books for all Illinois cities.

The project has recently been expanded, so the library is now receiving the Sunday edition of the *Indianapolis Star*. We also have maps of the largest cities in Indiana, the *Indiana Manufacturers Directory*, and a wide variety of political, governmental economic, and travel information about the state of Indiana.

If you would like further information, including which library specializes in a particular state, please contact the Reference Department.

The Library will be closed Sunday, April 3, for Easter. The Library will be open from 9-5 Saturday, the 2nd.

Children's Department

The Spring sessions of children's classes will begin **March 14**, and registration will start **February 29** for Morton Grove residents, and **March 7** for non-residents.

Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
March 17 through May 6
Please choose one of the following:
Thurs. 10:00am
Friday 10:00am
Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Creative Writing
March 16 through May 5
Grades 3-6 Wednesday 4:00pm
or Thursday 4;00pm
Class limit - 30

Arts & Crafts
March 14 through May 6
Grades 1-3 . . . . .Monday 4:00pm
Grades 4-6 . . . . .Friday 4:00pm
Class limit – 15

Stories & Stuff
March 14 through May 2
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Pre-School Story Hour
March 14 through May 5
Please choose one of the following times for children ages 3-Kindergarten
Monday 1:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am
Wednesday 10:00am
Thursday 7:00pm
Class limit – 40

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, will end on April 30. A total of 378 children participated in the program. A gala party for the high readers will be held on Saturday, May 14, at 11:30 am.

What's New in the Adult Department

Non-Fiction

Collier, James - ***Duke Ellington***
Fodor's Williamsburg, Jamestown & Yorktown
Hassrick, Royal - ***History of Western American Art***
Herbst, Sharon - ***The Joy of Cookies***
Kaplan, Helen - ***The Real Truth About Women and AIDS***
Koziol, Jonathan - ***Rachel and Her Children: Homeless Families in America***
McAlary, Mike - ***Buddy Boys: When Good Cops Turn Bad***
Mast, Gerald - ***Can't Help Singin': The American Musical on Stage and Screen***
Osgood, Charles - ***Osgood on Speaking***
Scala, James - ***The Arthritis Relief Diet***
Thomas, Bob - ***Liberace***

Fiction

Cleary, Jon - ***Dragons at the Party***
Erdman, Paul - ***The Palace***
Francis, Clare - ***Wolf Winter***
Gough, Laurence - ***The Goldfish Bowl***
Grant, Charles - ***For Fear of the Night***
Jordan, Jennifer - ***A Good Weekend for a Murder***
Kahn, James - ***The Echo Vector***
Marsh, Fabienne - ***Long Distances***
Murdoch, Anna - ***Family Business***
Murdoch, Iris - ***The Book and the Brotherhood***
Perry, Thomas - ***Island***
Plaidy, Jean - ***The Courts of Love: The Story of Eleanor of Aquitane***
Salinger, Pierre - ***Mortal Games***
Stevens, Gordon - ***Do Not Go Gentle***
Thayer, Nancy - ***Morning***

Magazines & Newspapers

Single Parent
Working Mother
W (fashion newspaper)
MacUser (coming soon)

Videos

Feature Films

Anne of Green Gables
Dirty Dancing
Fourth Protocol
La Bamba
No Way Out
Platoon
Stagecoach
The Wild Puffalumps
Zombie High

Travelogs

Austrian Odyssey
Bonnie Scotland
Discovering Denmark
Russian Journey
Si, Spain!

How to . . .

Electrical Wiring & Repairs
Interior Paint and Wallpaper Guide

Compact Discs

Basic French
Basic Italian
Basic Spanish

Calendar of Events

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lunchtime Movies America Series 11:30	2	3 **Inside Writing:** Science Fiction 7:30	4	5
6	7	8 Travelog: ***Finland*** 11:30 & 7:30	9	10 **Inside Writing:** Children's Curr. 7:30 Lib. Bd. Mtg. 7:45	11 Book Discussion 10:00	12
13 **Prairie Restoration Workshop** 1:30	14 Feature Film ***The Untouchables*** 2:30 & 7:30	15 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	16 **Financial Seminar** 7:30	17 Saint Patrick's Day	18	19 **Inside Writing:** Journalism 2:00
20	21	22 Lunchtime Movies America Series 11:30	23	24 **Play : Maine-Niles Special Recreation** 7:30	25	26 **Prairie Restoration Workshop** 1:30
27	28	29 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	30 **Inside Writing:** Personal Experiences 7:30	31		

April

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3 **Easter** Library Closed	4	5 Lunchtime Movies America Series 11:30	6	7 **Grassfield Writers Poetry Reading** 7:30	8 Book Discussion 10:00	9
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Friday 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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